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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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**WASHINGTON STATE EMT RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
(RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) may complete recertification requirements in either the *Traditional Method* or through a DOH and MPD-approved *Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program* (OTEP), which includes approved knowledge and skill evaluations.

**Educational Requirements:**

- 1. Annually complete and document the following required training:**
  - a. CPR and Airway management
  - b. Spinal Immobilization
  - c. Patient Assessment
- 2. In each certification period, complete and document training in the following *required* topics:**
  - a. Infectious disease prevention (annual OSHA/WSHA –approved, agency-required, infectious disease training meets this requirement)
  - b. Trauma
  - c. Pharmacology
  - d. 2 hours of pediatrics
  - e. Other CME for a total of 30 hours.

**Examination and Certification Recommendation Requirements:**

- 1. Traditional Method**
  - a. Pass a *practical* examination within six months of application for recertification.
  - b. Pass the state *written* examination. Three attempts are allowed.
  - c. Obtain written recommendation for recertification from the county MPD and submit the completed and signed application to the DOH.
- 2. OTEP Method**
  - a. Obtain written recommendation for recertification from the county MPD and submit the completed and signed application to the DOH.

**Description of selected terms used:**

- CPR includes the use of airway adjuncts appropriate to the level of certification.
- Pharmacology: Pharmacology specific to the medications approved by your MPD.
- Pediatrics: This includes patient assessment, CPR and airway management, and spinal immobilization and packaging.

**(You must document your annual CME and skill maintenance requirements)**